

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Application No.: 10/798,432	)	Examiner: Stephen J. KALAFUT
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For: PROTON CONDUCTING	)	Confirmation No.: 6544
MATERIAL, PROTON	)	
CONDUCTING MEMBRANE, AND	)	
FUEL CELL	)	

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(e), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the document on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after a Notice of Allowance but before payment of the issue fee and is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified under § 1.17(p) and a certification as specified under § 1.97(e). Please charge \$180.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-0916 for the fee.

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A copy of the listed foreign document is attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate that it was considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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Respectfully submitted,

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